

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the September 10, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner rejected pending application claims 1-7 and 10, and objected to pending application claims 9 and 11-19. Among the rejected and objected to claims, only claims 1 and 8 are independent claims. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 8 and canceled claim 9.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,776,659 issued to Stokoe et al. (which patent is assigned to the assignee of the present application). While the Applicants strongly disagree with the Examiner's rejection, claim 1 has nonetheless been amended to further distinguish from the '659 patent to facilitate allowance of the present application.

Claims 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(c) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,500,029 issued to Nitta. Applicants strongly disagree with the Examiner's rejection, as Nitta clearly does not show ground conductors that are connectable to the printed circuit board as required by claim 8. Rather, Nitta only discloses second ground plates 9 that are solely connectable to the first ground plate 5 (column 4, lines 19-28; FIG. 3). Nevertheless, in the interests of facilitating allowance of the present application, Applicants have amended claim 8 to include the limitation in claim 9.

In view of the amendments and the remarks/arguments made above, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Amendment, the undersigned attorney for the Applicants respectfully requests a telephone call to discuss the same.

Respectfully Submitted,



David H. Hwang
Reg. No. 38,697
Attorney for Applicants

Atty. Docket : 1811-US
Telephone : 603-879-5588
Fax : 603-879-4588